

## HONORS FOR MIDDIES

Stars and Letters Will Be Given Victorious Team.

## AWARDS TO BE MADE SOON

Superintendent Extends Congratulations to Representatives of Academy at Annapolis-Navy Association Will Make Its Awards Soon. Names of Lucky Players Given.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 8.—Fifteen middie football players will be awarded a white "Star" to wear on their sweaters for having played on the team which defeated army in the annual football game this year. The Navy Athletic Association will shortly make the awards. In addition to the "Stars," the middies will also have the privilege of wearing the big insignia "N" in white for their work during the season.

Those who will receive the "Stars" are as follows, the names appearing in parentheses being substitutes: Spencer (captain) and Douglas, half backs; Ingram, full back; Norton, quarter back; Dague, (Demott), Bernard, (Richardson), center; Northcott, Piersol and (Simpson), tackles; Meyer and Wright, guards, and Slinguff, center. Spencer, Douglas, Norton, Dague, and Piersol already have "Stars," having played in former games.

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The superintendent extended his hearty congratulations to the Middies for the splendid victory over West Point on Saturday last. In addition to the wives of younger officers at the Academy, Admiral and Mrs. Sands were assisted in receiving their guests by a number of out-of-town persons, including the Philadelphia, Mrs. Spencer Meade, of Philadelphia, Mrs. Anderson and Miss Anderson, of Washington, and the daughter of Rear Admiral George A. Converse, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, at Washington; Miss Lee, of Maryland; the Misses Shotts, daughters of Theodore Shotts, of the Panama Canal Commission, and Miss Benham, also of Washington. Miss Marion Sands, daughter of Admiral and Mrs. Sands, also assisted.

The Academy band, under Prof. Zimmerman, furnished music during the reception.

## THE POETS OF BRETON.

A Comparison of Chateaubriand and Ernest Renan.

Before a small, but select audience, at Hubbard Memorial Hall, yesterday afternoon, a company that comprised the leading society women of Washington, with a sprinkling of French and Breton, listened to a lecture by the late Ernest Renan, on "Maritime France; the Men It has Produced." The lecture was the more interesting for the fact that M. le Braz is, himself, a Breton, hailing from the same town that saw Renan's birth. He is a professor of French literature at the University of Rennes, and has made a special and intimate study of the writers of Brittany.

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The lecturer showed how deeply the works of both these Breton poets had influenced their time, and what an inspiration their works had been on the whole literature of France. During the course of the lecture, M. le Braz took occasion to call attention to the loving qualities of the Breton. He showed that among his own people, Renan and his writings were, for a time, misunderstood, but he read extracts from letters by Chateaubriand, and the close of his career, wished to represent the arondissement of Lannion in the Chamber of Deputies. The letter was written to Marie Francois Luez, well known as a collector of Breton ballads, and the letter showed how Renan tried to effect a reconciliation with his Breton friends. His thoughts inevitably turned toward the letter of one of his Breton friends, who heard the bells of Treguier, his native town. Both Chateaubriand and Renan lived to revisit the haunts in Brittany buried on the island of Grand Bey, just outside the beautiful harbor of St. Malo. To Renan a statue was erected by his fellow-townsmen in the square of Treguier.

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Unquestionably, "sund tets" arrogance and covetousness are at the bottom of the trouble. From the high standpoint of Christian charity and good-fellowship, a spirit of generous consideration would find a ready way to provide facilities for Japanese of all ages to acquire our language, without social friction—an amiable, inoffensive people, whose sole aggressiveness is in hastening to provide the labor we so much want, and so to better themselves financially and morally when opportunity offers. But this would be in opposition to the cantankerous spirit of the age, which makes the pursuit of a common livelihood, not less than the pursuit of wealth, a ravenous grab game, in which the weaker go to the wall, and the stronger to the victor.

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## BONHAG THE WINNER.

Irish-American Best in the Senior Cross-country Run.

New York, Dec. 8.—George Bonhag, the five-mile outdoor champion of the Irish-American Athletic Club, was the senior cross-country runner over the Star Athletic Club course at Long Island City to-day. This victory also gives Bonhag the individual prize.

The New York Athletic Club, which was represented by a lot of good runners, was first, with 45 points. The Irish-American Athletic Club, with all their crack runners, could only score 27 points, taking second place. The Mohawk Athletic Club was third.

There were over 100 starters. Melvin Shappard, who started with his first crowd, was not with the leaders at the finish.

In the junior event, which followed the senior run, the Mohawk Athletic Club won the prize. Collins, of the Xaver, however, won the long run. The Xaver club was second, with the St. Bartholomew's third.

A great crowd was present at the start and finish, and the runners were wildly cheered by the spectators.

Bonhag crossed the tape ahead of his competitors.

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Military Regulations Unfavorable to Football Team.

## LITTLE TIME FOR PRACTICE

About Five Hours a Week Is All the Embryo Generals Get for the Gridiron Work—Cadets Are the Busiest Students in the World—Have Little Time for Play on Gridiron.

Special to The Washington Herald.

The young man who elects to make a name for himself on the gridiron at West Point undertakes a task that would make the average college candidate for football honors hesitate and consider. The cadets at the United States Military Academy are beyond doubt the busiest students in the world. With nine hours of study and recitation, two of drill and parade, three for meals, and eight for sleep, the cadet's time from 6 in the morning until 10 at night is fully occupied.

When it is remembered that what remains is scattered along in half-hour periods throughout the day, and that the cadet has a multiplicity of little errands to attend to in addition to his routine duties, the wonder grows as to where on earth he finds time for football practice and training.

From reveille, at 6 a. m., until breakfast, half an hour later, there is a period at which each cadet is supposed to sweep, dust, and arrange his room and prepare himself for breakfast. By rising before reveille the football man can do all this and be free to use the hall galleys in springing around the big grass plain, without hurrying into uniform for breakfast.

Squad Turns Out Again.

At 9 p. m. cadets may, if they so desire, go to bed. Taps, when all must be in bed, sounds at 10 o'clock. During this time the football squad, by special permission, turns out for another jog around the plain. During the season about forty men of the squad are fed at training tables, where hot food and fruit are served. About 10 o'clock, the cadets are called to the drill hall for a bill of fare of the corps. Cad